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**WIRELINE COMPETITION BUREAU SEEKS COMMENT ON VENTURE PETITION FOR
WAIVER OF THE COMMISSION'S RULES FOR MODIFYING ACCESS RATE BANDS AND
CHARGES AND 2011 BASE PERIOD REVENUE**

WC Docket No. 17-323

Comment Date: December 19, 2017
Reply Comment Date: January 3, 2018

On November 21, 2017, Venture Communications Cooperative (Venture) filed a petition for waiver of sections 51.909(a), 51.917(b)(1), and 51.917(b)(7) of the Commission's rules.¹ Specifically, Venture seeks a waiver of the rules "to implement the planned January 1, 2018 merger of" "two commonly-owned and merged study areas in the same state – Venture Communications Cooperative Study Area Code 391680 ('Venture') and Venture Communications Cooperative Study Area Code 391688 ('Venture fka Western')."²

Pursuant to sections 1.415 and 1.419 of the Commission's rules, 47 CFR §§ 1.415, 1.419, interested parties may file comments and reply comments on or before the dates indicated above. Comments may be filed using the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS). See *Electronic Filing of Documents in Rulemaking Proceedings*, 63 FR 24121 (1998).

- **Electronic Filers:** Comments may be filed electronically using the Internet by accessing the ECFS: <http://fjallfoss.fcc.gov/ecfs2/>.
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¹ Venture Communications Cooperative Petition for Waiver of Sections 51.909(a), 51.917(b)(1) and 51.917(b)(7) of the Commission's Rules to modify access rate bands and charges, and 2011 Base Period Revenue in connection with merger of affiliated study areas in South Dakota, WC Docket No. 17-323 (filed Nov. 21, 2017).

² *Id.* at 1-2.

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³ 47 CFR §§ 1.1200 *et seq.*